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DAY OF REMEMBRANCE



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Veterans in attendance at the annual Day of Remembrance ceremony gathered for a photo in the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park on Monday, May 30. The annual Memorial Day ceremony is organized and hosted by the Southern Ute Veterans Association.

Honoring Southern Ute traditions

Memorial Weekend on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation represents a time of tradition, celebration, and remembrance. The weekend brings hundreds of tribal members, friends and visitors to the reservation each year. Whether it's dancing in the Bear Dance corral, competing in the Bear Dance Powwow, or joining the Southern Ute Veterans at the Day of Remembrance: guests leave knowing they experienced something special. For more Bear Dance weekend coverage, see our special edition beginning on page 11.

BEAR DANCE



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy opened up this year's Southern Ute Bear Dance on Friday, May 27.

POWWOW



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Orion Watts, Olyvia Watts, and Daya Thompson hold hands during a tiny tots dance at the Bear Dance Powwow Friday, May 27.

UTE NATION DAY



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Tribal elder, Erwin Taylor shakes hands with Edward Box III as he is honored at the Ute Nation Day ceremony, Friday, May 27.

UTE LANGUAGE

New Ute Dictionary available

Damon Toledo

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute tribal members can now tighten their Ute language skills through the newly published Ute Dictionary, a project that has been in development for over 35 years by Tom Givon and Southern Ute collaborators.

The publication of the revised and expanded Ute Dictionary marks the completion of a grand revision of the three Ute language books: the Ute Reference Grammar (published 2011; originally 1980), the Ute Texts (published 2013; originally 1985), and now the Dictionary (originally 1979).

"Language is about speaking it, and these are the words the Ute people used," said writer Tom Givon. "Around 1975 I saw an article in the Pagosa Springs paper that said the Utes were trying to preserve their language. At the time, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe asked Fort Lewis College to host Ute language classes. After being granted funding, the Ute Dictionary Committee, as we called ourselves, was able to start putting it together. My collaborators were important and distinguished what the words meant."

Givon, originally from Spain, attended school in California before moving to the Four Corners



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The three Ute language texts that have expanded for over 35 years.

where he continues to be enlightened by the history and heritage.

In the development process, Givon met with tribal members Pearl Casias, Vida Peabody, Mary Inez Cloud, and Georgia McKinley who all provided a helping hand in creating the textbooks. "It was destiny I came here, and I was blessed to work with the people in this community," he said. "Once you see the environment here, you know there's nothing more beautiful."

The Ute Dictionary includes several introductory chapters that link the words to the Ute sound system and alphabet, the grammar of word-usage, the derivation of new words from existing ones, and a detailed guidance to the structure of the dictionary. While the three books are written primarily as language description, they form the basis for the writing of language teaching materials.

"We are very happy to get this out to our tribal members," said tribal elder Pearl Casias, who collaborated with Givon on making the dictionary a success. "Our language is who we are as tribal people. It's historic for us, and we must do what we can to keep it preserved."

"It was a privilege to work with people who love their heritage and traditional stories," Givon added. "These stories are the Homer of the Ute tradition. It's good that people from around this are introduced to the Ute's heritage. Durango is 20 miles from Ignacio, but it's 100 years away."

A presentation about the release of the new Ute Dictionary will be hosted by Givon and Casias at the Ignacio Community Library on Thursday, June 16 at 5:30 p.m. Tribal members can obtain a copy of the three from the Culture Department.

TRIBAL HOUSING

Housing opportunities coming to Cedar Point

By Sacha Smith

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

On Thursday, June 2 the Cedar Point Housing Initiative Team (CPHI), tribal entities of the Permanent Fund and Growth Fund, hosted a meeting updating the membership on the tribal member focused housing project.

The project is a Tribal Council Initiative aimed at providing tribal members new home and rental opportunities at the Cedar Point Subdivision. The project is fully funded by the tribe.

Cedar Point page 15



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal members look over blue prints of what future Cedar Point housing may look like on Thursday, June 2. Tribal members were also asked to write down recommendations and concerns on the blue prints. Councilman Melvin J. Baker points out the specs of townhomes that will be added to the Cedar Point Community in the next few years.

GROWTH FUND

Three Springs shows progress

Damon Toledo

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

As Three Springs approaches its 10-year anniversary, development across the 682-acre site continues to take shape at substantial heights.

Since June 25, 2006, GF Properties Group, LLC, a subsidiary of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Growth Fund, has seen Mercy Regional Medical Center open on 35 acres of donated and 25 acres of sold land. Over 280 residential units have been built along with 85,000 square feet of commercial / retail space, which is 98 percent leased



Three Springs page 17



CCIA

Tribes, State meet in Towaoc

By Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

At this year’s second quarterly meeting for the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs (CCIA) the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Tribes updated state officials on what the respective tribes have been working on.

The meeting was held at the Ute Mountain Ute Casino Hotel & Resort in Towaoc, Colo. Friday, June 3 during the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe’s 127th Annual Bear Dance. State officials from numerous state agencies were in attendance including new Lt. Gov. of Colorado, Donna Lynne and Attorney General, Cynthia Coffman.

The Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute Tribes both updated the commission on what they are doing to help housing situations on their reservations

“The Housing Department is applying for a grant for new homes and remodels for homes,” Ute Mountain Vice Chairwoman, Juanita Plentyholes said.

She also mentioned that the tribe has purchased some trailers in the past to help with the housing issues and that the tribe is in the process of purchasing nine more trailers.

For Southern Ute, Councilman Melvin J. Baker talked about the Cedar Point Housing Initiative – a housing project fully funded by the tribe

“We are looking at adding 100 more homes [to the Cedar Point Housing Sub-division] in the next 5 to 10 years,” Baker said. “But we have to justify Phase 1 of the initiative to go on to the other phases.”

Phase 1 of the housing initiative will include 23 residential lots and 25 townhome rentals along with other non-housing infrastructures.

Attorney General Coffman said she understands the tribes’ struggles of providing adequate housing, as it is a common theme around the state.

During the Attorney General’s update, Jose



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

During the quarterly Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs (CCIA) meeting in Towaoc, Colo. Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Chairman, Manuel Heart puts a shawl on Lt. Gov. Donna Lynne. The shawl was a gift to from the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.

Esquibel, of the Attorney General’s office, discussed opioid use and let the tribes know the state is interested in learning about the use of opioids and overdoses on the reservations. He also talked about Naloxene, a medication used to block effects of opioids especially during overdose, and offered to help the tribes’ law enforcement get trained on using the medication.

Up next, Executive Director of CCIA, Ernest House Jr. brought his updates to the table. He discussed the mascot issue and the success the short-term commission, Commission to Study American Indian Representation in Public Schools (CSAIRPS). House said he would like to get the commission’s support to create a committee to work with schools on a criteria schools can follow regarding the use of mascots, names, caricatures etc.

“We are setting the bar high, there are only two tribes in the Colorado, but we’re setting the bar,” Ute Mountain Ute Chairman Manuel Heart said about

the amount media attention Colorado and the commission received after the release of the CSAIRPS report.

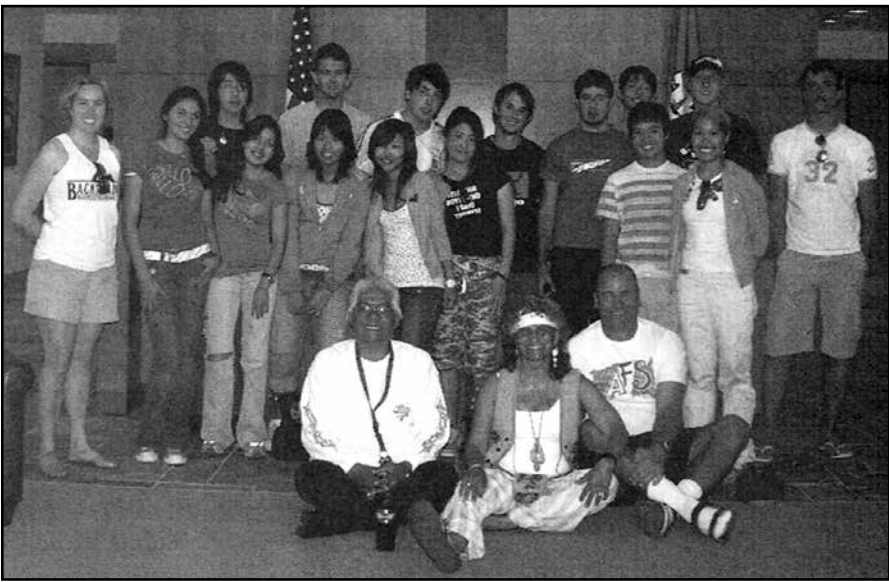
House also discussed the addition of CCIA youth members. He hopes to work with the tribes over the summer to come up with a proposal to bring to the commission at the September meeting. House said he would be discussing small logistics with the tribes concerning the youth members such as funding for their travel.

The end of the meeting included an historical signing of a memorandum of understanding between the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.

“The agreement will help address communication and coordination of maintenance and engineering activities on highways that cross tribal lands,” a press release by CDOT stated.

The next quarterly meeting will be held in Ignacio, Colo. with the Southern Ute hosting.

Many Moons Ago

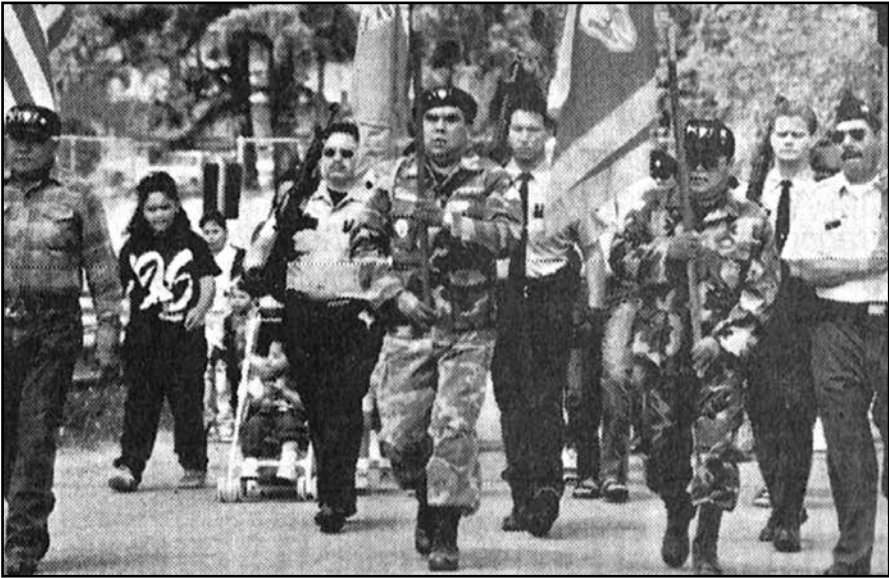


Blenda Ortiz/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Stopping by the Leonard C. Burch Building the foreign exchange students get a first hand look at the Southern Ute Reservation. Enjoying their guests, Eddie Jr. & Betty Box open their home to 20 foreign exchange students and their chaperons. The students come every year to share in our culture and get a chance to experience the Bear dance weekend.

This photo first appeared in the May 26, 2006, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Memorial Day was an opportunity to remember loved ones who have passed onto the next world. Feelings and memories were renewed of the warriors who served their country, Randy Baker talked about his e-xperience in Vietnam. Gilbert Washington Sr., a U.S. Veteran that served in the Korean war, was one of the honorary Southern Ute Color Guard that participated in the flag ceremony at Ouray Park for Memorial Day.

This photo first appeared in the June 7, 1996, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Ouray 10k runners received their awards after a light lunch provided by the Recreation Department and the Public Relations Dept. Eugene, Executive Officer and Norman Harlan, Recreation Director presented the awards.

This photo first appeared in the June 13, 1986, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

Commission talks air quality



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission met Wednesday, June 8 at the Environmental Programs Division building. The six-member commission meets regularly to discuss and rule on air quality issues on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The Southern Ute Air Quality Program provided information to commission including monitoring updates, permitting program updates, and long-term plan review updates. The commission listens as Mike Silverstein, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, provides his update.

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Frost joins Ethics Commission



courtesy Danielle Hight/SU Justice & Regulatory

Tribal member, Andrew Frost was sworn in as the newest member of the Ethics Commission by Southern Ute Chief Judge Chantel Cloud on Thursday, May 26.



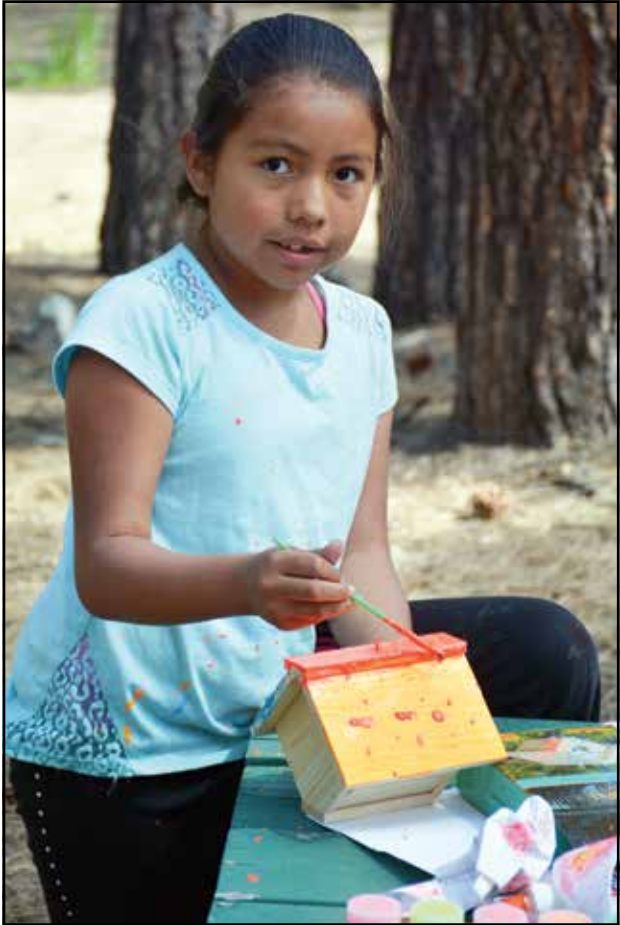
Youth attend Culture Camp



Culture Camp youth enjoyed a wildlife presentation given by Henry Whiteskunk and Ben Zimmerman of the Division of Wildlife.



Hanley Frost, Cultural Education Coordinator helps youth Culture Campers with their fishing skills at Capote Lake on June 6.



Adrienne Cuch decorates her birdhouse with different colors of paint at this year's Culture Camp on June 7.



Richard Joseph focuses on trying to catch a fish at Lake Capote on the first day of culture camp, Monday, June 6.

Photos by Trennie Collins
The Southern Ute Drum



Lakota TwoCrow, chairman of the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council, and youth Councilman Issac Suina talk about supporting the youth and the perks of being a young leader during a presentation Tuesday, June 7.

TRIBAL MEDIA

Eddie Box Jr. Media Center named Enterprise Zone Contribution Project

By **Laura Lewis Marchino**
REGION 9 EDD

The Eddie Box Jr. Media Center has been approved as an Enterprise Zone Contribution Project by the Colorado Economic Development Commission (EDC), May 19. This designation allows any donor contributions at \$250 or more to be eligible for a 25% state tax credit on cash donations, and a 12.5% state tax credit on in-kind donations such as professional services.

The project was approved as a community facility infrastructure project that will provide a modern broadcast media center and new home for KSUT and Southern Ute Tribal Radio. In 1986, the Colorado State Legislature approved the Enterprise Zone Tax Credit program to assist economically distressed areas of the state. In Southwest Colorado, all of Montezuma, San Juan, and Dolores Counties are designated enterprise zone areas.

La Plata County and Archuleta have some areas that are not considered distressed, and thus not included. Currently 30 projects are designated in Southwest Colorado. A list of eligible Enterprise Zone projects and program information is available online at www.scan.org or by calling the Region 9 Economic Development District at 970-247-9621. Please go to www.ksut.org for more information.

Intertribal Powwow in Colorado Springs

One Nation Walking Together is sponsoring a one-day Native American Intertribal Powwow (NAIP) on Saturday, July 16, at the Mortgage Solutions Financial EXPO Center, 3650 N. Nevada, Colorado Springs, Colo. Last year over 2,000 people attended this family-friendly event. Celebrate Native history and culture and enjoy Native drums and dancers, Native art and artisans, Diné (Navajo) Code Talkers, live wolf and birds of prey exhibits, Aztec Dancers, Native vendors and Native food, such as Indian tacos and fry bread. Admission is \$4. Native Americans in full regalia and children 12 and under admitted free. Please bring donations of non-perishable food to help feed the hungry. Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be a Gourd Dance at 10 a.m. Grand Entry at 11 a.m. No drugs, alcohol or pets, except service animals, permitted. Cash prizes for dancers. Drums by invitation only. For information visit www.OneNationWT.org or call 719-329-0251. For further information, call Al and Rhett Walter at 719-559-0525/703-798-4320 (please leave a message if no answer) or send an email to Rhett_walter@hotmail.com. Visit: www.ColoradoSpringsPowwow.org or Facebook.com/[oloradoSpringsNativeAmericanIntertribalPowwow](https://www.facebook.com/oloradoSpringsNativeAmericanIntertribalPowwow).

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Southern Ute

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Chief: Hanley Frost Sr.

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1. The entrance to the Medicine Lodge should have a clear passage at all times.
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3. Women on their menstrual cycle, or pregnant are not permitted near the Medicine Lodge.
4. Drugs and Alcohol are not permitted on the Sun Dance ground.
5. Cameras, Tape/Video recorders, Food and Water are not allowed in are Near the Medicine Lodge.
6. No Metal Chairs are allowed inside the Medicine Lodge.
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For more Information contact: Hanley Frost Sr. 970-442-0500



HEALING SPIRITS

Honoring responsible fathers: Memorial Walk, June 18

Staff report and Strong Communities. Daymien Aguilar will open the event with a song. Every father who is present will be recognized. Everyone is invited (especially fathers) to share in this celebration of community health.

PEACEFUL SPIRIT The goal of this event is to celebrate the fathers who engage as leaders in their families and community. We will begin the walk at 10 a.m. in Veterans Park and end at Peaceful Spirit – where there will be a potluck lunch in the back yard.

On Saturday, June 18, 2016, Healing Spirits will be hosting a Native American Responsible Fatherhood Day Walk. The national initiative promotes Responsible Fatherhood

If you would like to help out with this event, please call 970-563-4555.

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Saturday, June 18, 2016 • 10 a.m.

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June 18, 2016

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21 Chicken Parmesan W/Marinara Sauce Whole Wheat Pasta Zucchini Fruit Salad	22 Pork Chops Stuffing Spinach Rolls Applesauce	23 Polish Sausage Boiled Potatoes Corn Rolls Banana Pudding
28 Orange Chicken Wild Rice Roasted Veggies Spice Cake	29 Pasole w/Pork G. Chili Tortilla Green Beans Mixed Fruit	30 Hamburger Gravy Over Rice Cream Peas/Rolls Plums

The Senior Center also provides transports for the elderly and disabled. Please call 24 hours in advance if you're wanting a ride for doctor appointments, prescription pickups or shopping. Please call the Senior Center with any questions you may have.

Ignacio Senior Center provides Meals On Wheels to the elderly and disabled 5 times a week. We also have congregate meals Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays which includes a Salad Bar. A \$4 donation is what we ask for the meals, and Wednesdays are free.

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NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH 2016

members get more

Make safety a priority 365 days of the year

Are you ready to stand up for safety this June? This year, National Safety Month is all about being **SafeForLife**— in the workplace, at home, on the road and in our communities. Let's make the commitment to keep ourselves and loved ones safe from unintentional—and preventable—injury and death. Extend that commitment beyond NSM; make safety a priority every day. We all face a variety of risks throughout our lives. The fact is, unintentional injuries have recently risen to the 4th leading cause of death in the U.S., but we can work together to reverse this trend. National Safety Month is a time to highlight leading causes of preventable injury and death on a national scale, so we can keep more people safe.

Please join us in [June](#) for National Safety Month and engage all your employees in learning how to be **SafeForLife**.

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Week 2: Be Healthy
Week 3: Watch Out for Dangers
Week 4: Share Roads Safely

PLUS...*Caught In the Act* safety awards all month long, safety banners on display at certain locations, NSM display in the Hall of Warriors, tons of educational material, presentation of annual Risk Management Department Safety Awards and much more!

NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH 2016



ELBERT J. FLOYD

GoodTracks-Alires awarded Floyd scholarship

By Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Keifer GoodTracks-Alires, a Southern Ute tribal member and a 2016 Bayfield High School graduate, was awarded this year’s annual Elbert J. Floyd Award on Thursday, June 2. The scholarship is given to an outstanding tribal member student every year. GoodTracks-Alires accepted the scholarship in front of family, friends and Tribal Council inside Council Chambers. The Floyd family has been giving out the scholarship each year since Elbert J. Floyd passed away in 1985, in honor of Floyd’s relationship with the tribe. Floyd worked with the tribe for 20 years and is remembered for his interest in the educating the youth. Presenting this year’s award was John L. Floyd, grandson of Elbert J. Floyd.

“He always understood the importance of education and he was very proud to watch members of the tribe work hard to advance their schooling or training,” John L. Floyd said. Floyd commended GoodTracks-Alires for his accomplishments and provided some advice to graduate. “As you continue your education I want to offer a few simple bits of advice, show up early, work hard and ask a lot of questions if you do those things life becomes pretty easy.” “Congratulations Keifer” Council lady Amy J. Barry said. “Good luck, times get hard reaching goals but know that you have a good supporting family ... I see you succeeding.” Vice Chair Lorelei Cloud



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

John L. Floyd, grandson of the late Elbert J. Floyd, congratulates tribal member Keifer GoodTracks-Alires on being selected as the recipient for the Elbert J. Floyd scholarship.

said she looks forward to seeing Keifer succeed and helping his people with their health and fitness. Chairman Clement J. Frost told GoodTracks-Alires that the Creator has already given him the tools to succeed he just has to stay on the right path to accomplish his goals. “Prepare yourself for the future ... you have all the necessary things that have been taught to you by your [family],” Frost said. This year the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council helped Tribal Council make the selection. Youth Council members were at the presentation and

offered words of support to GoodTracks-Alires. “Congratulations,” Elijah Weaver said. “I read your recommendation and from what I read you’re a good leader.” GoodTracks-Alires said he hopes to come back and help the tribe and tribal members with health and physical fitness. “I really want to thank my family ... I want to thank Tribal Council for recognizing me for the award and the Floyd family for giving me this scholarship and helping me further my education as I go on to my own path in life,” GoodTracks-Alires said.

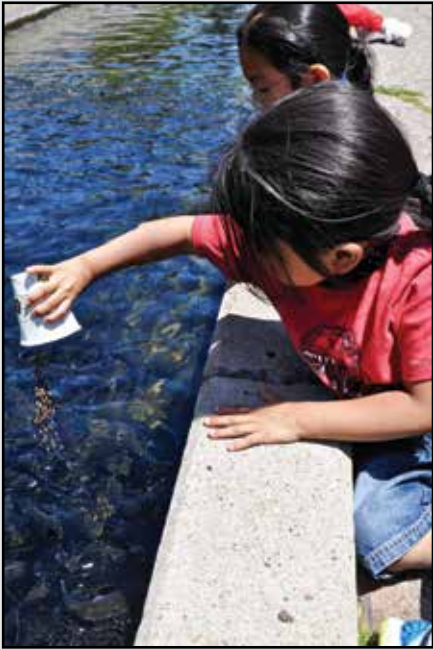
McKinley and Richards retire



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy instructors and tribal elders, Georgia McKinley and Glenda Richards have retired from their careers in education after many successful years. On Tuesday, May 31 the two were honored for their contributions, hard work, and inspiration to tribal students throughout the years. Families, friends, and associates held a surprise celebration for McKinley and Richards at Mr. D’s restaurant, south of Ignacio, and each were given new scarves and beaded medallions as parting gifts. Richards’ career in education spanned 14 years, while McKinley is retiring after a 44-year career.

SUIMA, last school field trip



Krista Richards/Special to the Drum

Southern Ute Montessori Academy primary kids adventure to the Powerhouse Science Center listen and observe what food coloring does do a flower on Tuesday, May 24.

Aeden Richards and Joseph Howell feed the fish at the Durango Fish Hatchery on Tuesday, May 24, during SUIMA Primary classrooms’ final field trip of 2016 school year.

PUBLIC HEARING

Quality childcare is one of the most important investments that can be made to help families. The Southern Ute Child Care Assistance Program invites you to attend a public hearing on the proposed 2017-19 Child Care and Development Fund Plan. Please provide your input and join us on Monday, 6/20/16, from 12-1pm at the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start/Early Head Start at 51 Capote Dr., Ignacio, CO. Refreshments will be provided.

Hands-on at health camp



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Ocean Hunter (right) and partner Eli Monyek, of Bayfield, learn about the anatomy and different bones, during Health Career Camp on June 7-10 at Fort Lewis College, Student Union Building.



Elijah Weaver learns how to give an injection safely.



Lakota Bartley learns how to give a suture on a banana.

Southern Ute Education/Powerhouse Science Center Ignacio Camps – Summer 2016

Eligible students are Southern Ute Tribal members or Johnson-O’Malley enrolled. Call for information 970-563-0237 or email Carrie Vogel, cvogel@southernute-nsn.gov; Dorian Romero-Morris, doromero@southernute-nsn.gov or Julie Stone, jstone@southernute-nsn.gov.

Girl Power Science!
June 27-30, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Mon. – Thu., 9-12 years (girls only), SU Education Dept.
Superhero Training Camp
July 11-14, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Mon. – Thu., 9-12 years (boys only), SU Education Dept.

Inventor’s Camp
June 20-23, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Mon. – Thu., 6-8 years (boys + girls), SU Education Dept.

Mini Inventor’s Camp
Contact Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA), July 25-29, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Mon. – Fri., 3-5 years (boys + girls).

POTENTIAL GED STUDENTS!

If you have not received a high school diploma, but would like to, then you may consider working toward your High School Equivalency credentials.

Ashley wanted to earn her GED® credential not just for herself, but to show her daughter the importance of education. Currently a medical assistant, she loves working in the medical field and wanted to further her career. She depended on the online resources and study books she purchased to help her pass the test. Now that she’s earned her GED® credential, she plans to go to college and realize her dream of becoming a physician’s assistant. Ashley encourages others to go for their dreams, too.



“Anybody can succeed if they put their mind to it!”

If you have any questions or need help, call the Adult Education Center and talk with Dr. Jonathan Hunstiger (Adult Education Program Manager) at 970-563-0237.



Cortney Wilson-Baker, Daniel "Rain" Rosa and Gibran Silva stand upon the podium before proceeding to the front of the gym.

Ignacio High School Commencement '16

The graduating class of 2016 held their commencement ceremony in the Ignacio High School gymnasium, Saturday, May 28. A total 46 graduates received their respective diplomas this year, and 16 of them received various scholarships totaling \$120,000. The graduating class boasted 11 honor students (3.0 GPA), four Cum Laude (3.5 GPA), one Magna Cum Laude (3.8 GPA), four Suma Cum Laude (4.0+ GPA), seven National Honor Society, and six graduated with Honors. Austin McCaw is class Valedictorian, and Chrystianne Valdez is the class Salutatorian.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum



Salutatorian Chrystianne Valdez gave her Salutatorian address.



Honors student, Miel Diaz said the Parent Dedication.



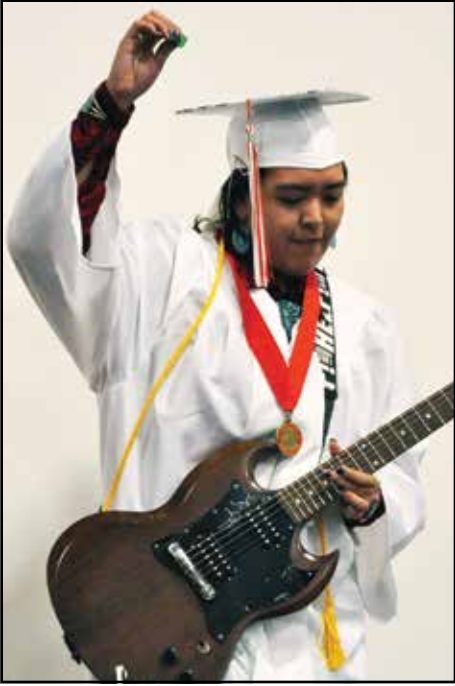
Graduates, Juliette Garlick, Savannah Lane and Shayna Johnson. Lane graduated Magna Cum Laude, and Johnson contributed over 100 hours of Community Service.



Selena Cook gave the Invocation to begin the graduation ceremonies, standing before the Ignacio School Board and Southern Ute Chairman, Clement J. Frost (in blue vest).



Cameron Francis gets a loving hug from his proud mother, Mina Francis.



Savanah Lane played rousing rendition of the National Anthem on her guitar.



Proud momma, Danielle Hight, sister of the grad Tasha Herrera and graduate Adelle Hight are all smiles after the ceremonies. Adelle Hight graduated with honors.



The Valdez family stand with graduate Chrystianne Valdez, her grandparents Barbara and Sylvian Valdez on either side and parents Chris and Cindy Valdez.

Congrats Bayfield grads!



2016 Bayfield High School graduate, Aspen Smith, accepts her diploma on Sunday, May 15 inside the Bayfield High School gym.



Tribal graduate Keifer GoodTracks-Alires is all smiles as he strolls across the stage to accept his diploma from Bayfield High School.

photos courtesy Tom Alires



The family of graduate Anthony Suina, nephew of Southern Ute Councilman Alex Cloud (right) and grandson of tribal elder Neil Cloud (left) take a photo after the graduating ceremonies.



Southern Ute Higher Education Graduates



Lena Gallegos
Spring 2016
Bachelor of Science
Health Education and Promotion
Utah State University



Hailey Herrera
Spring 2016
Associate of Arts
Liberal Arts
San Juan College



Julie Santistevan
Fall 2015
Bachelor of Science
Culinary Arts & Food Service Management
Johnson & Wales University

List of graduates provided by the Education Department

Photos for the graduates listed here were unavailable.

ShaRay Rock
Fall 2015
Associates of Arts
Psychology
Pueblo Community College

Vern Carel
Fall 2015
Associates of Applied Science
Auto Body
San Juan College

Coven White
Fall 2015
Bachelor of Arts
Art Studio
University of New Mexico

Raymond Valdez
Spring 2015
Associate of Arts
Liberal Arts
San Juan College

Mario Kubler
Fall 2015
Master of Urban Planning
University of Colorado

Kree Lopez
Spring 2016
Bachelor of Fine Arts
Cinematic Arts and Technology
Institute of American Indian Arts

Keely Cox
Spring 2016
Certificate
Cosmetology
Autry Technology Center

Tyler Scott
Spring 2016
Associate of Applied Science
Automotive Technology
San Juan College

Melvin Pena
Spring 2016
Associate of Applied Science
Industrial Process Operator
San Juan College

Vernetta Carel
Spring 2016
Associate of Applied Science
Health Information Management
Western Dakota Technical Institute

Theresa Harlan
Spring 2016
Certificate
Office Administration
Emily Griffith Technical College

Gabrielle Herrera
Spring 2016
Certificate
Office Administration
Emily Griffith Technical College



Jeanne Smith
Spring 2016
Master of Business Administration
Business & Marketing
University of New Mexico



Natelle Thompson
Fall 2015
Associate of Arts
General Studies
Pueblo Community College



Janet Washington
Spring 2016
Bachelor of Science
Criminal Justice
Colorado Christian University



Stephanie Wilhelm
Fall 2015
Bachelor of Science
Mathematics
University of Northern Colorado

Congratulations
to all the graduates of 2016!

From the staff of The Southern Ute Drum

Denver University visits tribe



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The University of Denver paid a visit to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on Wednesday, June 8 as part of the Cultural Immersion Program. Students travel from various tribal nations to learn about history and heritage from native people representing their traditions. The program is visiting the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Northern Ute Tribe, and Navajo Tribe. Alden Naranjo Jr. (right) talks with students from the University of Denver about the history of the Southern Ute people.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Denver University students visited with tribal elder, Lynda Grove-D'Wolf. She talked with the students about the Ute language and explained how her style of teaching the language differs from others.

Wanda Ellingson, director of the Cultural Immersion program, thanks Tribal Council for allowing the students to visit the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

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CHSAA ALL-STATE BASKETBALL

Seibel ready for one last run

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Ellie Seibel wouldn't have expected a 'class' reunion so quickly after graduation. At least not the sort she's been summoned for: A near-reassembly of the basketball team for which she played, and that which she played against at the Colorado Coaches of Girls' Sports All-State Games back in March, to take the court one last time at the 60th Annual Colorado High School Coaches Association All-State Games. As part of the multi-sport showcase to be held June 8-11 on and near the Adams State University campus in Alamosa, Seibel will again represent Ignacio and Class 2A along with the following: Burlington's Cheylin Corman, Cedaredge's Nellie Freeman, Haxtun's Megan Gerk, Yuma's Logan Hixon and Peighton Roth, Sanford's Dana Lenz, Akron's Alexandria 'A.J.' Miller, Rocky Ford's Hanna Moore, Calhan's Mikaela Parker (also a CHSCA All-State Volleyball pick), Paoonia's Ashley VanVleet and Kiowa's Madi Zielinski. All but Moore were CCGS All-Staters, with Freeman, Lenz and VanVleet having been teammates of Seibel – the lone 2A or 1A player picked by CHSCA from the San Juan Basin League – for the action at Arvada West H.S. shortly after the 2015-16 season's conclusion.

IHS BOYS ALSO REPRESENTED

On the boys' side of the Games, now-graduated, Fort Lewis College-bound Bobcat Wyatt Hayes (see related feature) was one of the honored players selected to participate in the spectacle, while SJBL rival Jordan Ernst of Dove Creek was picked for the 1A feature.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio guard/forward Ellie Seibel grins after coming out on the victorious side of the CCGS All-State Girls' Basketball Games' Class 2A feature back in March, up at Arvada West H.S. Seibel has been chosen to hoop at this weekend's CHSCA All-State Games in Alamosa.

In addition to Hayes, and the other Class 2A players chosen were: Sanford's Chance Canty and Miles Caldon, Loveland Resurrection Christian's Luke Fick, Limon's Matthew Florek, Simla's Jason George, Rye's Connor Hale, Holyoke's Jesus Loya, Julesburg-Ovid Revere Sedgwick County's Cole McKinley and Tyler Woodhams, Kremmling West Grand's Ivan Mendoza and Ellicott's Morgan Murray. Finally, Ignacio's Chris Valdez was one of the coaches named to help guide a squad, along with 1A Weldona Weldon Valley's Kerry Sherman, 1A Blanca Sierra Grande's Matt Lucero, 2A Simla's David Guy, 3A Parachute Grand Valley's Scott Parker, 4A Colorado Springs Sierra's Terry Dunn, 4A Pueb-

lo West's Robert Tyler, and 5A Highlands Ranch Rock Canyon's Kent Grams. "Yeah, he was pumped," Hayes said of Valdez's reaction to his revealed FLC intent. "We kind of talked about it ever since I was a freshman, going and playing at the next level, and I've always wanted to go to Fort Lewis if a Division I school didn't have anything. But he was pumped, said he'll be at my games." All-State play is set to begin with semifinal battle on Friday, June 10, beginning at 4 p.m. inside ASU's Plachy Hall. The girls' third-place game is scheduled for 10 a.m. the next morning, with the boys' third-place contest following at noon. Girls' championship play is slated to tip off at around 2p.m., with the boys' finale following at around 4.

IHS BOYS BASKETBALL

Ready to fly: 'Hawks net IHS' Hayes

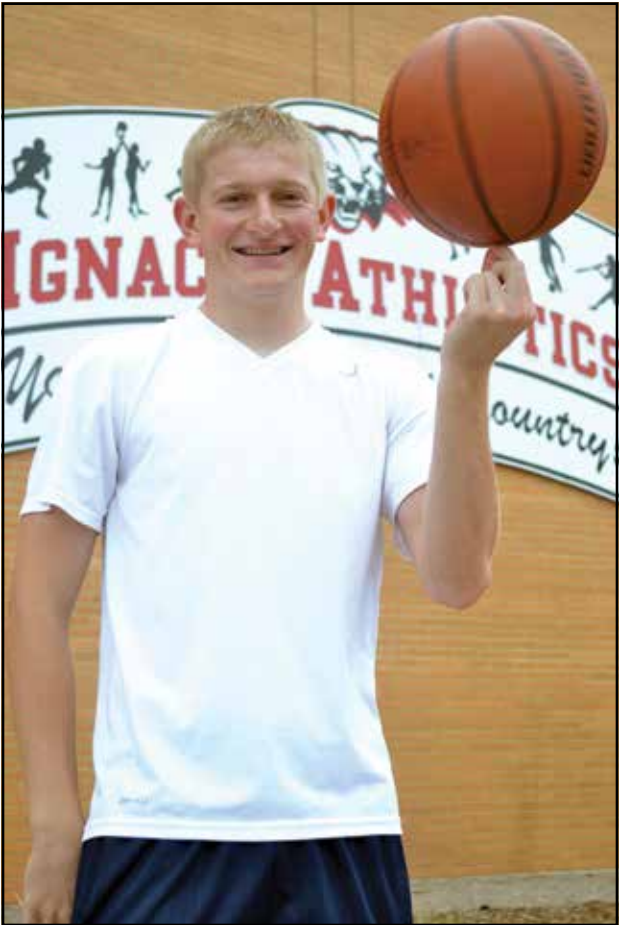
Guard staying local, going Div. II

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

The type of 'baller he wants to be remembered as, will be the type his new team – whose coaches never had far to drive to scout him and size him up – can't wait to welcome. As well as the type he'll have to be as Ignacio High School's latest collegiate talent bound for 'Colorado's Campus in the Sky.' "Just being an all-around player," said Wyatt Hayes, barely 36 hours before graduating inside the gymnasium he'd helped pack and thrill, game after game, for four years. "I had a lot of steals, a lot of rebounds – I wasn't just scoring. And if my scoring wasn't going I'd try to create for other people – just an all-around player."

Recognized as CHSAA's all-classification career steals leader with 407, as well as the single-season swipes king with 146, the reigning 2A/1A San Juan Basin League Player-of-the-Year was officially announced (on Thursday, June 2) by Durango-based Fort Lewis College as part of its men's basketball recruiting class of 2016.

"Fort Lewis just seemed like a good fit for me ... and that's where I ended up committing!" he said. Hayes, however, had sensed the NCAA Division II school would be his destination long, long before. "I started going off to their individual camps when I was in, like, fourth grade?" he recalled. "And when I got into fifth I got moved up to the middle-school division – which is, like, seventh and eighth grade – and when I was a seventh-grader I got moved up to the high-school division. So then, [FLC then-assistant] Coach (Bob) Pietrack ... we kind of met and started talking, and at the team camps over the summers they started telling me that if I keep working hard there's a chance I can get a scholarship. And I ended up getting one!" "It's like seventy-five percent, but you get yearly increases if you're doing well," Hayes noted. "So the goal is, by my junior or senior year, to be on a full ride." "We have been able to watch Wyatt grow up over the years," said Pietrack, set



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio guard Wyatt Hayes effortlessly spins a ball on his fingertips outside the gymnasium he and his fellow Bobcats helped pack, game in and game out, for four years. Hayes will next play for, and study at NCAA Division II Fort Lewis College.

to begin his second season at the Skyhawks' helm after taking over for icon Bob Hofman, and still shown in the CHSAA Boys' Basketball Record Book as ranking third in career assists (702, with Gypsum Eagle Valley from 1995-99), and fourth in single-season helpers (229 in '97-98). "Wyatt is a tremendous student and player. He is the exact type of young man we want in our program." Still with an appearance in the upcoming 60th Annual Colorado High School Coaches Association All-State Games (June 8-11, at Adams State University in Alamosa) on his prep-level plate, Hayes was one of six cagers – and one of three true freshmen – signing a National Letter-of-Intent to attend and hoop for FLC in the 2016-17 year. And the rest, now with a new chapter being written, is history. "He was, hands down, the best basketball player in the Four Corners region the past couple of seasons. He had a storybook career at Ignacio High School and we have always made it a priority to keep local players," said Pietrack. "It will be fun to continue to see Wyatt develop in our program."

"They have the best coaches you could ask for – Coach Pietrack, Coach Danny (Steffensen) – and it'll be cool to play for the area, Durango and everything," said Hayes, who declined a possible hook-up with Westminster (Utah) College through Telluride boss and former Griffin Stefan Reiter. "I just like Fort Lewis; it's a cool place." "Ignacio has great fans and they've all told me that they're going to go watch me play ... I can't wait!"

TAKE 'EM AT THEIR WORD

Also credited with scoring over 1,200 points at IHS, Hayes' aforementioned steals totals may not be appearing in the CHSAA Boys' Basketball Record Book anytime soon. Viewed in its online form on June 3, there are actually no individual career and single-season leaders yet categorized, but only single-quarter steals and single-game steals – former Bobcat Pedro Vigil's 11-theft work Dec. 15, 2009, for example, is apparently tied for sixth-most – as well as team single-season and single-game counts.

Wildcats' place 3rd in tourney



photos courtesy Karla Tucson

The Wildcats basketball team took 3rd place in the 8th grade division of the 2016 MAYB tournament held in Aztec, NM May 13-15. Left to right, back row: Ocean Hunter, Jonas Nanaeto, Jawadin Corona, Elco Garcia Jr., Bird Red and Coach Travis Nanaeto. Front row: Keegan Schurman, Gabe Tucson and Lorenzo Wilborn.



The Wildcats basketball team took 3rd place in the 7th grade division of the 2016 MAYB tournament held in Aztec, NM May 13-15. Left to right, Assistant Coach Gabriela Garcia, Gabe Tucson, Jawadin Corona, Triston Thompson, Bryce Finn, Dylan LaBarthe and Coach Travis Nanaeto. Front row: Brady McCaw and Nakai Lovato.

FLC BASKETBALL

Brooks' time with 'Hawks a success

IHS grad also a proud FLC grad

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

With fans and supporters gathered to watch their team's progress in the 2016 NCAA Division II Basketball Tournament, chicken wings flying out the kitchen of Durango's Cuckoos Chicken House & Waterin' Hole had a hard time keeping pace with each Fort Lewis College flight up and down the court. Unfortunately a National Championship eluded the hungry 'Hawks; after downing 7-seed Dallas Baptist University 95-87 in the South Central Region's

quarterfinals on March 12, 2-seed FLC succumbed to 16-seed Angelo State University, 87-66 in the following afternoon's regional semifinals – inside Wichita Falls, Texas-based Midwestern State's D.L. Ligon Coliseum – to finish a most historic winter. And with it, the undergraduate student-athlete career of 2011 Ignacio graduate Ryan Brooks, who went on to receive his Bachelor's of Science in Engineering during the second of Fort Lewis' two Spring Commencement ceremonies upon the familiar hardwood of Whalen

Gymnasium the morning of Saturday, April 30. "It all just came together," said the 6'8", 220-pound forward of the experience receiving his sheepskin. "Getting to play basketball in front of the home crowd, getting to study engineering ... and being up there, thinking how far I've come since high school – it was surreal." "I'm coming up on a couple interviews," he continued, "so we'll see where that takes me, jobwise!" Finishing with a school-most 28 victories – including



BROOKS AT FLC • FROM PAGE 8

ing a regular-season record 24 – against a school-least four defeats, the Skyhawks also achieved a new level of national recognition: A final regular-season #4 ranking, the highest in team history, in the National Association of Basketball Coaches poll (issued 3/8) prior to postseason play.

And of course, everything in the 2015-16 campaign commenced with a stunning exhibition road win, 77-69 in overtime, at Division I University of Wyoming, the defending Mountain West Conference Tournament champs.

“There were a lot of questions going in after Chief (former FLC center and IHS alumnus Alex Herrera) left. But we knew that we had good guards and other players returning,” recalled Brooks, “and Coach (Bob Pietrack) kept saying, ‘Let’s beat ’em! Let’s

show ’em that we can play!’ and ‘Let’s make this a season to remember!’”

“We went out there and played our game, and I think that really set us up for the rest of the season!”

Though he saw no action in Fort Lewis’ final five contests, Brooks finished his senior season having played in 16 games (zero starts) for Pietrack, the NABC South Central Region Coach-of-the-Year. He totaled six points (0.4 per) on 2-of-11 shooting from the field (0-5 3-PT) and 2-of-4 from the free-throw line, grabbed eight rebounds, had one assist and one steal, and committed 15 fouls as the Skyhawks captured the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference regular-season and tournament titles.

Bringing a grade-point average approaching 3.5 to the crew, Brooks (along with redshirt-freshman Alex Semadeni) earned

RMAC All-Academic Honor Roll status – having carried at least a 3.3 as an active student for at least two consecutive semesters or three consecutive quarters prior to Fall 2015.

Two of a select group of ten, sophomore Rasmus Bach and junior Will Morse were named RMAC First Team All-Academic by the conference’s sports information directors using the same requirements (those who met them, but were not voted First Team, automatically qualified for Honor Roll distinction).

“It was awesome, these past five years,” Brooks said, reflecting upon his entire collegiate student-athlete experience. “I mean, just building up to it, then getting to go to the Tournament, and enjoying everything ... with teammates I’m going to be friends the rest of my life with. It was awesome.”

RODEO

Ignacio grad to rodeo in La Junta

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

The late New York Yankee baseball great Lawrence Peter Berra, amongst all his well-known ‘Yogi-isms,’ once remarked, ‘When you come to a fork in the road, take it.’

Recent Ignacio High School graduate Tyler Beebe did exactly that...sort of.

For whereas the famous catcher’s comment likely referred to the pursuit of multiple possibilities produced by one’s hunt of a primary objective, two options—one much more visible to CHSAA’s masses—Beebe pursued as a Pine River Valley prep more or less combined to singularly route him into his post-Bobcat future ...

... as a two-sport student-athlete at La Junta-based Otero Junior College.

day, so he’s like, ‘You’re going to be good in college. You’ve just got to work like you do in our room.’”

Beebe went 37-12 his senior season for 2A Ignacio and placed fifth at 132 pounds inside Denver’s Pepsi Center to end his second (he’d also gone at 120 for 3A Bayfield in ’12-13) run in a grand-finale bracket.

“At the Rocky Mountain Nationals (March 19-20, also in the Mile High City) I talked to Coach Hacker, and I went and visited the campus,” Beebe recalled. “Then we went and visited the rodeo coach....”

That would be Lindsay Sumpter, wife of six-time Wrangler National Finals Rodeo-qualifying steer wrestler Wade (originally hailing from Fowler, he played football at University of Northern Colorado in Greeley), but for whom Beebe will hope to emulate another preeminent Wade—a seven-time WNFR qualifier in his own specialty.

en each finishing ninth in the NIRA’s Central Rocky Mountain Region team standings, and a dozen individuals ranked.

Leading Otero overall was Fowler product Nichole Waggoner, who finished the season splitting third and fourth place in barrel racing, making her the first Rattler to reach the CNFR since the program’s 2009 reinstatement (it was axed due to funding cuts in about 1985).

Another OJC standout, however, could be a better barometer for Beebe in his first go-round (pun intended).

For not only did 2015 Gridley (Calif.) H.S. grad Mason Mardesich crack the ’15-16 CRMR rankings in three disciplines as a freshman, but peaked at sixth in...yep...saddle bronc, in which he’d also qualified for last summer’s National High School Finals Rodeo in Rock Springs, Wyo. Also ranked for OJC’s men was Pueblo County alum Brady McCurry, a top-ten team roper.

Los Pinos crowns champs



photos Virgil Morgan/SunUte

The Coed champs of the Los Pinos softball tournament are “O’s Crew.” The champs were crowned on Saturday, May 28.

Homerun Derby Champs are Simon Spencer in the men’s division, and Aurelia Sandoval in the women’s division, flank SunUte Recreation Manager Kevin Winkler. The champs were awarded bats on Saturday, May 28.



Soccer camp FUN-draiser



photos courtesy Oscar Cosio

The 2016 Ignacio Soccer Camp fundraiser for IHS Girls Soccer at took place from May 31 to June 2 at the Sun Ute Community Center fields. 44 Ignacio and Bayfield youth attended the summer soccer camp that covered basic soccer fundamentals dribbling, passing, shooting and small sided games. Campers also got to swim everyday at SunUte pool. Camp Coaches not pictured, who deserve a shout too! Sharmine Price, Tori Archuleta, Namichan Oberly, Shyla Jackson and Destiny Lucero.

Soccer Camp MVC’s (Most Valuable Campers) take a break for a picture at soccer camp. Back row, left-right: Camp coaches Akasia Oberly, Savannah Davis, Oscar Cosio and Alisha Gulion. Front row, left to right: Dewayne Hendren, Gregory Walker, Katie Cundiff and Grace Gonzales.



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Lake Capote:	2,800 – 7" rainbows	
Scott's Pond:	600 – 9" rainbows	1,400 – 7" rainbows


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Raffle tickets will be available for purchase throughout the event and can be purchased prior to the event at the Southern Ute Division of Gaming and Southern Ute Police Department.

*All proceeds go to the Brad Jesmer/Anthony Archuleta Memorial Police Scholarship (Which will provide funding for recipients to attend police training)
The event is sponsored by the Southern Ute Division of Gaming, Tribal Rangers, and The Southern Ute Police Department.*

For more information contact Ryan Quinn or Gilbert Perales at 970-563-0180

SUPD

Smaller roads, larger dangers

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE POLICE DEPT.

Shoshone Avenue is a small road. It has barely enough room for two lanes and the occasional car parked on the shoulder. We witnessed how it was turned into a morning and afternoon speedway during the Ignacio stoplight project. While we were setting up the speed trailer to warn drivers, one driver accelerated to nearly 45 mph when he hit the speed

bump; the bump is harsh at the 15 mph speed limit. The bump was unforgiving at his speed. The radar was not out at the moment during its set-up but it was easy for us to watch the consequences of excessive speed beating the vehicle apart.

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nore the recommended safe speed limits and we suffer the resulting consequences.

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Memorial Day and Bear Dance

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Southern Ute elder and Air Force Veteran Austin Box and fellow Native Veteran (foreground) hold the eagle staffs that lead the procession from the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park to Ouray Cemetery.



Sacrifice: What Memorial Day is...



Following the flag bearers, community members walk among veterans during the procession from the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park to the Bear Dance Bridge.

The Southern Ute Day of Remembrance, presented by the Southern Ute Veterans Association took place on a sunny Memorial Day on Monday, May 30. The ceremony began in the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial park, with a procession to Bear Dance Bridge, where a prayer was said and a wreath offered to the waters for those men and women lost at sea. The procession then made it's way to the Ouray Cemetery for closing ceremonies. Councilman Tyson Thompson participated with the drum group 12 Gauge who sang a Honor Song and Vice Chairwoman Lorelei Cloud paid her respects during the ceremony.



Southern Ute tribal member, Loni Acevedo (U.S. Army) hoists the Southern Ute flag.



Speakers, Raymond Baker (U.S. Navy, Ret.), Andrew Welch – Veterans Affairs Director, Albuquerque, Kenneth Adair CSM Retired – Director of Field Services, and Marvin Trujillo – Chairman of the SWNAVA were all presented blankets from the Veterans Association.



Ute Mountain Ute elder, Terry Knight Sr. (U.S. Air Force) gave the invocation.



Kenneth Adair stoically stands before the flags in the Veterans Memorial Park.



Russell Blackbird (KSNG) said a prayer, and offered a wreath dedicated to those service men and women lost at sea.



Southern Ute Veterans Association members gave roses to the family members who lost loved ones. Irene Burch and family accept a rose from Bruce LeClair for her late husband, Leonard C. Burch.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum



Jack Frost Jr. (USMC) walks in the procession from the Veterans Memorial Park to the Ouray Cemetery.



Southern Ute elder, Alden Naranjo Jr. (USNG) was one of the guest speakers and offered a prayer in the Ouray Cemetery.



Bill Morris (USMC) played 'Taps' in the Ouray Cemetery to close the Memorial Day ceremonies.



Southern Utes celebrate spring with Bear Dance



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy opened up this year's Southern Ute Bear Dance on Friday, May 27.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Kaycee Jefferson smiles after her first dance in the Bear Dance corral for 2016.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Bear Dance encourages every one of all ages to attend.

The annual Southern Ute Bear Dance made its return to the Bear Dance grounds on Friday, May 27 with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students dancing the first dance. The Bear Dance progressed through the Memorial Day weekend, finishing the last dance session on Monday, May 30. Guests were also treated with a feast consisting of beef stew and fry bread.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Conrad Thompson and his partner keep to the rhythm of the growlers.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Deanna Frost stays in step with her dance partner.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Matthew Box, Bear Dance Chief welcomes all SUIMA students, parents and Bear Dance participants to this year's Bear Dance on Friday, May 27.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The "Catman," Robert Baker keeps the dancers in line as they stay in motion with their partner.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Bear Dancer growlers, young and old, handle the duty of the music's tempo.



Southern Utes dance into spring at powwow



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Council Chairman, Clement J. Frost salutes the flags during the flag song during grand entry on Friday, May 27.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Tribal elder, Russell Box Sr., dances in the Southern Ute Bear Dance Powwow.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Cutline Southern Ute tribal elder, Alden Naranjo Jr., introduces the attendees with the honorable invocation.

The Southern Ute Bear Dance Powwow brought together dancers and spectators from across Indian Country May 27-28 at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds. Each day of the powwow was filled with gourd dancing, singing, and friendly competitions.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Ivan and Richard Joseph along side their grandfather Byron Frost lead family and friends during a special held by Frost family on Friday, May 27.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Jaelyn Austin and Myla Goodtracks dance beside one another on Friday, May 27.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The drum group, Yellow Jacket, sing at the Bear Dance Powwow.

Tinta Wita

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2016 Southern Ute Bear Dance Powwow Results		
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Junior Girls Fancy 1st Nevah Jishie 2nd Viviana Toya 3rd Kerri Martin	Women's So. Traditional 1st Victoria Archuleta 2nd Marissa Woody 3rd Michelle Flying Man	Men's Golden Age 1st Rick Grant 2nd Tommy Draper 3rd Norman Largo
Junior Girls Traditional 1st Leiyalynn Yazzie 2nd Leah Ware 3rd Kiahna Slim	Women's No. Traditional 1st Cree Medicine Bear 2nd Kaylyn LeClaire 3rd Tamara Toya Begay	Men's Grass 1st Lakota Clairmont 2nd Sheldon Scalplock 3rd Brandon Sanchez
Teen Girls Jingle 1st Tanisha Beetso 2nd Kassie John 3rd Shoshawna Jack	Junior Boys Grass 1st Mylan Archuleta 2nd Leilynd Yazzie 3rd Rylee Begay	Men's Fancy 1st Corey LeClaire 2nd Corey Reeder 3rd Tyson Draper
Teen Girls Fancy 1st Jessica Yazzie 2nd Tamarah Gray 3rd Wakinyela Clairmont	Junior Boys Fancy 1st Jaron Yazzie 2nd O.D. Draper 3rd Darins Etsitty	Men's So. Traditional 1st Michael Grant Sr. 2nd Matthew Sheka 3rd Leonard Longhorn
Teen Girls Traditional 1st Audrey Brokeshoulder 2nd Shanai Onepennee 3rd Jayla Iron	Junior Boys Traditional 1st A.J. Grax 2nd Darrian Archuleta 3rd Taigen Benson	Men's No. Traditional 1st Bud Grant 2nd Bruce LeClaire 3rd Brando Jack
Women's Golden Age 1st Carmen Clairmont 2nd Ladybird Jack 3rd Sharon Brokeshoulder	Teen Boys Grass 1st Wambli Clairmont 2nd Hampton Olney 3rd Keshawn Begay	Combined Drum Contest Northern/Southern 1st Southern Style, NM 2nd White Bull, WY 3rd Southern Cree Jr., MT
Women's Jingle 1st Teri John 2nd Prairie Rose Jack 3rd Ali Denny	Teen Boys Fancy 1st Preston Olney 2nd Darnell Etsitty 3rd Brent Bob	



Ute Nation remembers peace treaty



The wife of late Southern Ute Chairman, Leonard C. Burch, Irene Burch hugs Edward Box III as she is honored at the Ute Nation Day ceremony.

On Friday, May 27, the Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, Northern Ute and Comanche tribes gathered at the Southern Ute Museum & Cultural Center in honor of Ute Nation Day – commemorating all the tribes for collaborating on a peace treaty signed in 1977. During the 1700s, the Ute and Comanche tribes began peace negotiations as immigrants began moving in from New Mexico and Eastern Colorado. The Comanche Peace Treaty was introduced to ensure peace between the tribal allies that reigned over the southwestern plains. However, peace talks were interrupted and a fifty-year war followed. Peace talk between the tribes reemerged in 1977, and the treaty was finalized.

Photos by Damon Toledo
The Southern Ute Drum



Comanche Royalty Shelby Mata honors the Ute tribes for recognizing the peace treaty signed in 1977.



Councilwoman DeAnne House from the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe acknowledges the Comanche tribe and sister Ute tribes.



Kenny Frost speaks at the Ute Nation Day ceremony in honor of the peace treaty.

NEW CEDAR POINT HOUSING • FROM PAGE 1

The meeting focused on discussing Phase 1 of the project with the membership. Phase 1 is slated to include residential lots, townhome rentals, a possible commercial lot, and additional infrastructure at Cedar Point.

Tribal members were asked to become involved in the process. Those who attended the meetings got to look over draft blueprints and make suggestions as to what they would like to see in the future housing.

“We are open to all options,” April Toledo, construction project manager told tribal members at the meeting.

The CPHI team is encouraging tribal members to become a part of focus groups that will help decide security, lighting, layouts, landscaping and more. For questions about the focus groups or to sign up you can contact April Toledo, construction project manager, at 970-563-0100 ext. 2192.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE CEDAR POINT HOUSING INITIATIVE:

- There are potentially four phases to the Cedar Point Housing Project. The phases are need driven – dependent on the success of the preceding phase.
- Phase 1 includes 23 residential lots, 25 town-

home rental units, and a possible commercial lot at the corner of Highway 172 and County Road 318. The team is accepting feedback from tribal members on what the commercial lot could consist of.

- The 23 residential lots will be available first and construction of the 25 townhomes is expected to begin spring of 2017.
- You must be eligible for both a home-site assignment and a home loan to be considered for one of the 23 residential lots at Cedar Point – can’t have an existing assignment.
- Phase 1 will include additional infrastructure; there are potentials for a park – park options were presented and tribal members were and are welcome to provide the team feedback on what the park should look like.
- In Phase 1 the cul-de-sac on Sage Brush Ave. will be removed and the road will be extended to Lodge Pole Way.
- Shadow Spirit St. will

be extended to the east for new access off Highway 172.

INTERESTED IN CEDAR POINT HOMES?

- If you are interested in one of the homes the first step is to call the Housing Department for more information. Housing will also put you in contact with the tribe’s Land Division and Credit Division.
- Join a part of a focus group to be involved with the planning process.

INTERESTED IN THE TOWNHOME RENTALS?

- Townhome rentals are owned by the tribe and will be available for rent to tribal members upon completion.
- Construction is slated to begin spring 2017.
- Contact the Housing Department to be added to a list for future contact once the townhomes are closer to completion.

Contact Departments and Divisions for more information

Tribal Housing: 970-563-4710
Tribal Credit: 970-563-4797
Lands Division: 970-563-0126
Construction & Project Management: 970-563-0138
Tribal Planning: 970-563-4749
Construction Services: 970-563-0270

Veterans offer outreach

The first Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., appointments in Ignacio can be made by calling 970-759-0117, or 970-382-6150, and walk-ins are welcome. The main objective of the Veterans Service Office is to provide prevention, protection, advocacy and support services to veterans and their families so they can maximize their quality of life, well being and potential. The CVSO provides information and assistance to veterans and their families. Every veteran is encouraged to contact the CVSO to find out more about their VA benefits.

Mountain Lion!

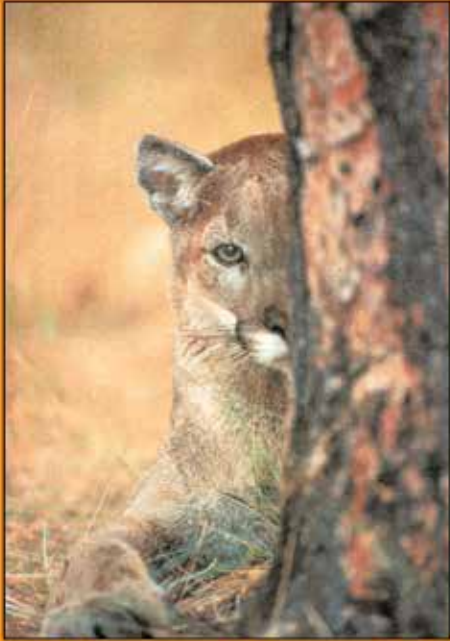






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Guests enjoy Bear Dance feast



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Little Miss Southern Ute Krystyn Weaver serves watermelon to Bear Dance guests. The main dish of the Bear Dance feast consists of a large pot of stew cooked over an open flame.



Nate Hendren is served a slice of watermelon during the annual Bear Dance feast.

Special Events Coordinator, Tara Vigil from the Southern Ute Cultural Center serves fry bread to a number of hungry Bear Dance guests.

Vets honored with breakfast



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Veterans and their families enjoyed a wonderful breakfast in their honor on May 29 at the Multi-Purpose Facility held by the Frost family.



Dona Frost cooks eggs for the Veterans Breakfast. Frost, who put on the breakfast, said she just wants all the Veterans to feel and be appreciated.

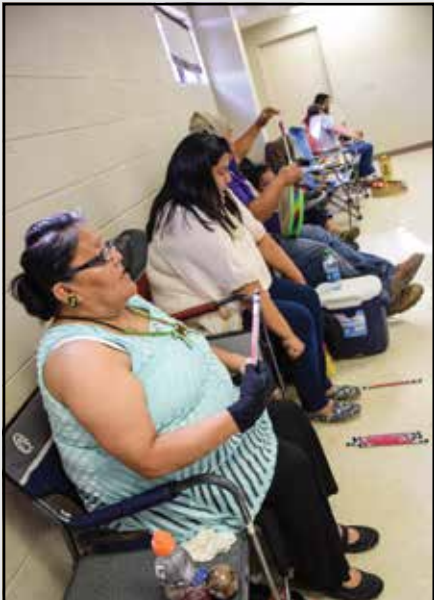
Russell Box Sr., Air Force Veteran, serves himself breakfast at the Veterans Breakfast.

Handgame brings many



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Handgame drummers keep to the rhythm as they watch the opposing team hide the sticks under a scarf at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 28.



The Southern Ute Handgame Tournament was hosted at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds, pitting a number of teams against each other for the top money prize.

SU Veterans host visitors



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Southern Ute Veterans Howard Richards Sr. and Rod Grove had breakfast with Andrew Welch, director of the New Mexico Health Care System (upper left), Darwin Whiteman (lower left) and Willard Light Jr.(lower right), both Ute Mountain Ute tribal members and Ute Mountain Casino Color Guard, on May 29, after breakfast the Veterans took Mr. Welch out for a tour of the tribal campus.

Ute Mountain Bear Dance



photos Sacha Smith/SU Drum

State Representatives attending the quarterly Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs meeting in Towaoc, Colo. took a break from work to Bear Dance on Friday, June 3.

Ute Mountain Ute Council members welcome all visitors to their 127th Annual Bear Dance.



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The publication of the revised and expanded *Ute Dictionary* marks the completion of a grand revision of the three Ute language books: *The Ute Reference Grammar*, *The Ute Texts* and now the *Dictionary*. Tom Givon & Pearl Casias will be at ICL for a discussion of the New Ute Dictionary.

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THREE SPRINGS PROGRESS • FROM PAGE 1

in the Three Springs neighborhood.

Adjacent to Three Springs is “Three Springs Crossing” as it’s currently being called, located just off Highway 160. This property may feature a grocer, large or medium sized retailers, as well as space for local businesses that compliment the community’s ongoing progress. Three Springs Crossing is entitled to 256,000 square feet of commercial / retail space.

“We have lots of activity going on at Three Springs Crossing, and the intent of that is to become a shopping center that offers retail and commercial development opportunities. It’s separate but adjacent to Three Springs,” stated Kurt Prinslow, Planning Manager for the Growth Fund Real Estate Group. “Three Springs and Three Springs Crossing are long-term real estate investments that the Tribe has made through large financial commitments to date.”

“We don’t have anyone

on the line right now, but we hope to get large-scale retailers for that parcel,” added Patrick Morrissey, Senior Vice President of the GF Properties Group (Regional Division). “Three Springs Crossing is a mixed-use development that’s an investment for Growth Fund Properties, which is the real estate arm of the Southern Ute Growth Fund.”

After 15 months of construction, the newly developed Confluence Apartments will feature 100 apartments and eventually 9 townhomes. The Confluence Apartments will be available to residents starting August 1. The apartments will feature ample kitchen cabinets, oversized windows, kitchen islands, and a balcony/patio. They will be offered a rental rate consistent with the Durango market.

Across from the Confluence Apartments is another area under construction, currently called Parcel “G”. Parcel “G” will feature 28 lots for homes and town-

Pioneer Avenue, and the creation of more mixed-use lots within the Mercado District of Three Springs.

After completion of development within Village 1 of Three Springs, planning and construction activities will progress to the next phase in Village 2. Village 2 will feature mostly a variety of residential housing with limited commercial retail space.

“Right now, all of Three Springs is entitled to 2,238 residential units,” stated Kurt Prinslow. “Three Springs is a long-term investment for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe where lot sales and office/apartment rents are money making investments for the Tribe. We’ve worked hard in helping to build a better community.”

Three Springs and Mercy Regional Medical Center will be hosting a special 10-year celebration on Saturday, June 25 and will feature live performances and activities at Three Springs Plaza, adjacent to Digs Restaurant

STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by “The Star Lady”

♊ GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO YOU GEMINI! Don’t count the candles on your birthday cupcake GEMINI, your sign has perpetual youth. A spunky connection between the MOON and URANUS on the 1st might have you celebrating your birthday with great vigor. Furthermore the NEW MOON in GEMINI on the 4th adds excitement to your weekend plans. There may be a few surprises. Change your routine, break away from the boring repetition of your day to day pattern. The Solar System is sending you a challenge this month. Dare to be different!

♋ CANCER (June 22 – July 22)

While you’re waiting for the SUN to return to your sign (20th), it might be a good idea to maintain your normal routine. JUNE’S celestial line-up is exceptionally active, and changeable. There’s a mutable pattern in command now, and much of the action will take place in your day to day communications, work habits, and personal goals. Phone calls to distant relatives may also be a part of this month’s picture. Do what you can to make improvements. By month’s end things may be humming along like a Busy Bee.

♌ LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)

Hey BIG CATS getting your own way may not come easily this month. The exception might be on the 6th when VENUS gets cozy with the SUN. Otherwise keep a cool head on the 17th, 20th, and 30th. Choose your friends wisely, and never assume anything. This is a great month to spend more time with children, and loved ones. Some of your activities may not proceed as smoothly as you would like. There could be tension rising out of the smallest matters. If that’s not enough Lions, pay attention to your money as well.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)

Our Solar System has an action-filled aura at work this month. And your sign is involved! Maintaining a balance might be tricky. On the 1st a SUN/NEPTUNE stand-off could set up confusion, or doubt about a work related matter. The 2nd triggers opposition over a domestic issue, and a VENUS/NEPTUNE clash confuses the matter. Agreements are elusive on the 3rd. Wait until the 4th to discuss the issues. You might have a more favorable outcome, and the NEW MOON in chatty GEMINI may help clear the air.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)

Positive regeneration is part of JUNE’S planetary pattern on the 6th when the SUN connects with VENUS. Set your sights on pioneering ventures. Travel, see new places, explore and learn LIBRA. Closer to home there are libraries, bookstores, and interesting museum exhibits to wander through. C’mon LIBRA...it’s not as boring as you may think. Keep an open mind. SATURN’S square to NEPTUNE might at times have you questioning your job situation. It may ease a bit after the 18th.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)

Yes SCORPIO... MARS is still in your sign and will soon be active again. In case you’ve been wondering why you’re living in limbo, MARS has been retrograde since April 17th, preventing any real progress. But it’s all about to change. MARS turns direct on the 29th and signals a green light to your intentions. Get ready to take action. Financial matters should also be moving forward. Develop a productive plan to put into motion. This is the start of a beneficial period. Use it wisely SCORPIO!

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)

Many of us may have been feeling some type of restraint regarding our daily plans. It’s all been due to MARS and its current backward motion. MERCURY’S opposing position on the 9th might have you stubbornly taking a stand against a work, or health related situation. Be clear with your conversations Saggies. Misunderstandings will only make things worse. This month partners, or others close to you could demand more of your time and attention. Avoid being drawn into disputes over possessions.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)

In your CAPRICORN world, getting things organized, and taken care of is usually a top priority. The month of JUNE is no exception. A busy agenda is set into motion and once again you are in the thick of it. Areas of your chart are being activated. They may be connected to work, and health, distant relatives, communications, and your private plans. There’s no sense in overworking yourself CAPRICORN. A much lighter energy triumphs on the 26th, giving you back your vision and your power.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)

Much of your focus may be fixed on having summer fun which you’re likely to begin before “JUNE 20th” when summer officially arrives. A most creative, and entertaining partnership of the SUN and VENUS on the 6th, steers you to more exciting ventures. You’re on a roll this month. The NEW MOON in GEMINI on the 4th, inspires an abundance of ideas. While a powerful 4-pointed square influences finances, love, insurance, and future intentions. Pay close attention to all money matters, and spending.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)

There’s a “Spring Storm” brewing this month and your sign is included. Emotions are challenged from the 1st-3rd when the SUN is at odds with VENUS, SATURN, and NEPTUNE. On the 13th Neptune retrogrades slowing your advancement. It’s a frustrating energy Little Fishes, and you will need to stay focused on your goals. Be flexible when dealing with personal, and domestic affairs, partnerships, and career interests. It’s all a balancing act, and may seem confusing at times. Keep the peace with Elders.

♈ ARIES (March 21 – April 20)

The SUN’S warm and illuminating presence in the sign of GEMINI influences your daily routine in a favorable way. On the 4th the SUN and MOON work together, and may encourage you to explore new options. Community projects, and outings with the kinfolks, might be frustrating. Everyone may not be on the same page. You’ll have to use every bit of your patience until the 29th, when MARS finally comes out of its lazy retrograde and gets things moving again. The fun part is... you like a challenge!

♉ TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)

Your planetary message includes making some adjustments to spending habits. An element of stress prevails over areas of your chart, mainly the money houses. But in spite of that, you might still be able to make increases to your income. The 6th’s VENUS/SUN collaboration is one of those times. Other days to further your endeavors are the 12th, and 27th. A fabulous JUPITER/PLUTO association on the 26th encourages exactly the kind of results you wanted. As always, your practicality serves you well.

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AA, BSW, MSW

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Samson Cowboy

Job title: Criminal Investigator

Description of duties: Provide assistance, patrol, and conduct investigations.

Hobbies: Fishing, camping, lots of reading.

Family: Five children and married.

Tribe: Navajo



Camille Keith

Job title: J&R Environmental Programs

Description of duties: The J&R environmental program focuses on working with water, air quality, monitoring, and restoration tasks.

Hobbies: Gardening, farming, hiking, playing guitar.

Tribe: Navajo

Additional comments: We the people are connected with mother earth and father sky. It is our duty to help maintain and care for the environment. Please help keep Mother Earth clean. Thank you (Ahe'hee).

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For More information call Lisa Allen/Aquatics Coordinator at
SunUte Community Center
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The Southern Ute Utilities Division personnel will begin their yearly gas meter maintenance for Southern Ute Utility customers. The process will begin in May and end in September, 2016. This will include inspection of the gas meter and painting of the meter if necessary. When you see Southern Ute Utility personnel in your residential area and you have canines, restraining them would be appreciated until the work is completed. If you have any questions, call the Utilities office at 970-563-5500 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Southern Ute Utilities Water Department will begin conducting their annual water system hydrant flushing on Tuesday May 31st and expect to be completed by Friday June 10th. During this important maintenance, customers may experience some discolored water at your tap, due to the dislodging of debris inside the water main. Please open/flush all plumbing fixtures (bath tub/sinks etc.) for a period of not less than 30 minutes or until clean water returns. If the problem persists, please contact the Southern Ute Utilities Main Office at 970-563-5500. We apologize for any inconvenience as we strive to provide customers with the highest quality water.

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Banquet Staff (On-Call)

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*Beverage Server (Full-time)

Closing date 6/10/16

Prepares beverages prior to serving and will be required to lift and move up to 60 pounds regularly, including the responsibility of all cash and complimentary transactions. High School diploma/equivalency preferred. Must be at least 21 years old. Related work experience and/or training preferred. Must have great guest service skills.

*Cage Staff (Full-time)

Closing date 6/10/16

Provides fast, accurate and friendly service to all internal and external customers while providing full compliance with all regulatory controls. Must have a High School diploma/

equivalency. Must be at least 21 years old. Good math skills essential. Be able to use a 10-key calculator. Previous banking or extended money handling skills preferred.

*Multi-Games Dealer (On-call/Full-time)

Closing date 6/15/16

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*Poker Dealer (Full-time)

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Closing date 6/10/16

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Closing date 6/17/16

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Recording Secretary

Closing date 6/20/16

Takes minutes and transcribes both regular and special council sessions, which also includes Council work session notes and provides support to the Office Manager of the Tribal Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Tribal Council. Pay grade 15; \$14.22/hour.

Front Desk Attendant (Part-time)

Closing date 6/21/16

Assuring an efficient entry and exit point for members of the Community Center, to include providing reception duties to the public by telephone and in person; greeting, screening and assisting customers; monitoring member access control; and maintaining class registration. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

Stock Clerk – Food Distribution

Closing date 6/16/16

Provides assistance to the Program Manager in identifying, stocking and unloading shipments; cleaning of overall program building; maintaining adequate inventories; assisting in issuing, loading, distribution and transporting commodities to eligible recipients; and provides clerical support. Pay grade 11; \$9.92/hour.

Community Health Representative

Closing date 6/15/16

Providing assistance in the coordination and development of activities for elderly and physically or mentally handicapped Tribal members. Provides transportation, health, and health related homemaking services. Performs community health representative duties to include patient transport and monitoring, home visits, conducting classes, and providing community education on Tribal health issues. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

Contracts & Grants Manager

Closing date 6/16/16

Ensures compliance with the terms of Southern Ute Indian Tribe contracts and grants with State and Federal Regulations. Pay grade 22; \$61,872/annually.

Permits Rights of Way Coordinator

Closing date 6/15/16

Negotiations/management of rights-of-way for ingress/egress and utilities and business leases with the Tribe and outside entities or persons. Manages Crossing Permits for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Department of Natural Resources. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

Receptionist Mail Clerk

Closing date 6/14/16

Performs reception duties for the Southern Ute Tribal organization, including, but not limited to, operation of the telephone switchboard, greeting visitors, providing information about the Tribal government, and referring callers or visitors to the appropriate office for assistance. Performs clerical duties for the Tribal Information Services Director and other Departmental Divisions as needed, including mail processing and distribution. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

Education Floater

Closing date 6/17/16

Supporting the SUIMA through a variety of duties including providing classroom coverage and supervision of children in the After School Program, being assigned to differing duties on an as-needed basis. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

Custodian

Closing date 6/14/16

Daily cleaning of Southern Ute Indian Tribe Buildings and offices. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

Front Desk Clerk (Full-time)

Closing date 6/14/16

Assuring an efficient entry and exit point for members of the Community Center, to include providing reception duties to the public by telephone and in person; greeting, screening and assisting customers; monitoring member access control; and maintaining class registration. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

Senior Detention Officer

Closing date 6/14/16

Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

Director of Justice & Regulatory

Closing date 6/20/16

Under direction of the Executive Officer, this position is responsible for overall supervision

of the Department of Justice and Regulatory, to include the Division of Gaming, Tribal Employment Rights Office, Environmental Programs Division (Water and Air Quality,) Detention Division, Tribal Rangers, Animal Control, Tribal Prosecutor, Tribal Public Defender, Ethics, Tax & Liquor, Victim Services Program and the Southern Ute Police Department.

Lake Capote Maintenance Laborer

Closing date 6/24/16

Under general supervision of the Lake Capote Resident Manager, the Maintenance Worker will: greet guests, collect fees for fishing/camping/small concessions; clean, maintain, and repair grounds, facilities, and buildings; and assist with site development and improvements. Seasonal/full time, 8-month schedule. Pay rate; \$12/hour.

Dental Assistant

Open until filled

Under dentist supervision, Dental Assistant is responsible for a wide range of tasks in the Southern Ute Health Center dental office including, but not limited to, providing chair side dental assistance, administrative and records duties and radiology function.

Dentist

Open until filled

Providing administrative, clinical, health promotion and disease prevention, and educational services for the Dental Division. Organizes and supervises the work of the dental program to ensure that effective dental services are provided and quality standards are met.

Family Practice Physician

Open until filled

Providing comprehensive medical services and primary care with special emphasis in family medicine to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC).

Nurse Practitioner

Open until filled

Provides direct and comprehensive primary, preventive and therapeutic medical care to individuals across their lifespan. Clinical supervision will be provided by the Supervisory Physician.

Boys & Girls Club Program Aide (Part-time)

Assists in the implementation and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

Scorekeeper (Part-time)

Operates the scoreboard keeping up with balls, strikes, outs, runs scored, innings and alike. Keeps accurate written records of games. Turns in paperwork and game results to designated supervisor. Pay grade 12; \$11/hour.

Summer Youth Employment Program Workers (Southern Ute tribal members only)

Under general supervision of the Youth Employment Program Coordinator, Youth Employment Program Aide, or Tribal Department Directors, Division Heads, or Managers, the Youth Employment Program Worker performs job duties as directed and participates in activities provided within the SUIT Education Youth Employment Program. Program is designed to provide employment from June to August 2016, with extensions available to make up hours missed due to illness or absence.

TERO Boys & Girls Club Summer Program Aide (Temporary)

Assists in the implementation and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. Positions (76 days) are for members of a Federally recognized Indian Tribe. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

Tribal Health Department Director

Professional executive management position with overall responsibility for the health services system and supervision of a variety of health related programs operated by the Southern Ute Tribe, which provides health services or health related services. Responsible leadership for the design, implementation and effective operation of the health system in coordination with the Tribal Council, the Executive Officer, the Member Health Benefits Committee or any other similar advisory group, and the department leaders who at any time may have information or programs that interface with the health services system. Provides leadership and general supervision to divisions within the Department ensuring compliance with policies and procedures. Provides information and support on health services and the health status of the Tribal members to the Tribal Council.

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2016-NC-0061, Marietta Ann Watts, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Marietta Ann Watts has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Marietta Watts-Soto. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than June 17, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

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Tribe shows appreciation to employees



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum
The Southern Ute Heritage Dancers and employees of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe enjoy a round dance, closing out the Employee Appreciation Day opening ceremonies.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe celebrated a day of fun and games Friday, June 3 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. The day began with a bit of history about tribe and dances from the Heritage Dancers. Compleitive games included, bean-bag toss, horseshoes tourney, musical chairs, golden feather find, water balloon toss and a grand finale of tug-of-war.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum
Members of the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council and members of Southern Ute Tribal Council welcomed employees during opening ceremonies.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum
Precious Collins keeps her precision during the bean bag toss tournament.




Damon Toledo/SU Drum
Tasha Herrera looked for some relief from the sun during a water balloon toss.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum
The Boys & Girls Club aides pull with all their might during the final tug-of-war match up. They wound up No. 1 after an intense finale in the women's division.


LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, May 27




90°F partly cloudy
20% chance precipitation

Saturday, May 28




83°F partly cloudy
20% chance precipitation

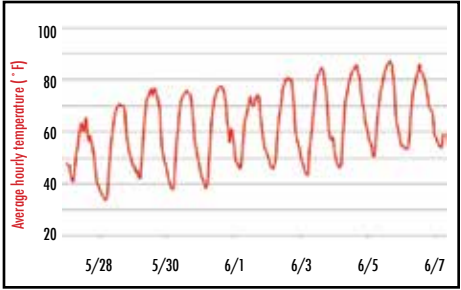
Sunday, May 29



84°F partly cloudy
20% chance precipitation



Weather data for May 27 – June 7

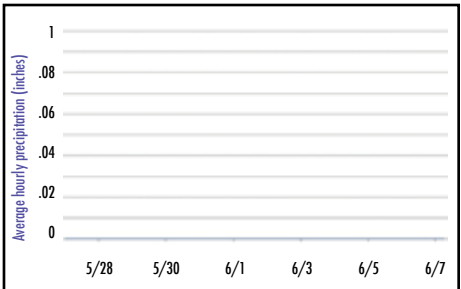


Average hourly temperature (°F)

Temperatures

High	87.1°
Low	33.7°
Average	61.9°
Average last year	58.5°

High (5/9 – 5/21)	76.2°
Low (5/9 – 5/21)	29.6°

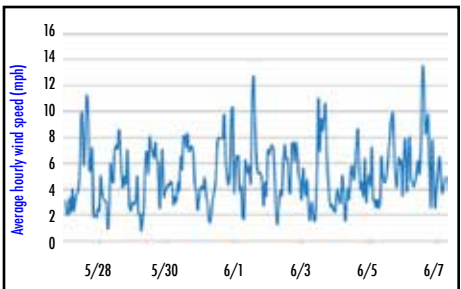


Average hourly precipitation (inches)

Precipitation

Total	0.000"
Total last year	0.680"

Total (5/9 – 5/21)	0.190"
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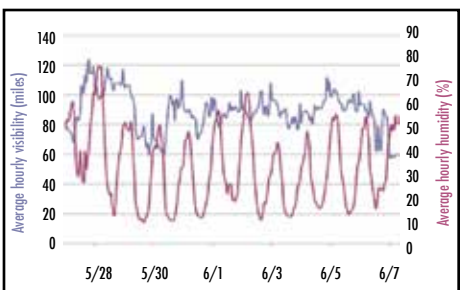


Average hourly wind speed (mph)

Wind speed

Average	5.2
Minimum	0.8
Maximum	13.4

Avg. (5/9 – 5/21)	5.7
Min. (5/9 – 5/21)	0.5
Max. (5/9 – 5/21)	18.5



Average hourly visibility (miles) and Average hourly humidity (%)

Visibility & humidity

Average visibility	89.0
Average humidity	32.9%


Air quality

Moderate


Air quality descriptor: 31

Data compiled by Southern Ute Environmental Programs


Weather forecasts collected from www.NOAA.gov



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum
Ed Howlett, Building Maintenance lets a shoe fly during the horseshoe tourney. He and teammate Asa Ortiz placed third.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum
Renee Tree (right) steals a seat from Boys & Girls Club program aide Denisha Martinez during an intense game of musical chairs.



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